

SUFJECT: President's Trip to Venezuela and Colombia

Forwarded herewith is a memorandum which contains a brief assessment of public reaction in Venezuela and Colombia to the President's visit. The memorandum also summarizes some of the activities undertaken by this Agency in connection with the visit.

The trip was undoubtedly an outstanding success and may very well mark a turning point in United States relations with Latin America. Current intelligence coverage of Venezuela indicates, however, that the leftist opposition to Betancourt continues to be active and aggressive and reports ILLEGIB of numerous incidents of sabotage against American property

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interests have been received. In Colombia the government continues to face a serious problem of unrest and violence in the rural districts.

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C. P. CABELL Acting Director

cc: Secretary of State

Secretary of Defense

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Signature Recommended:

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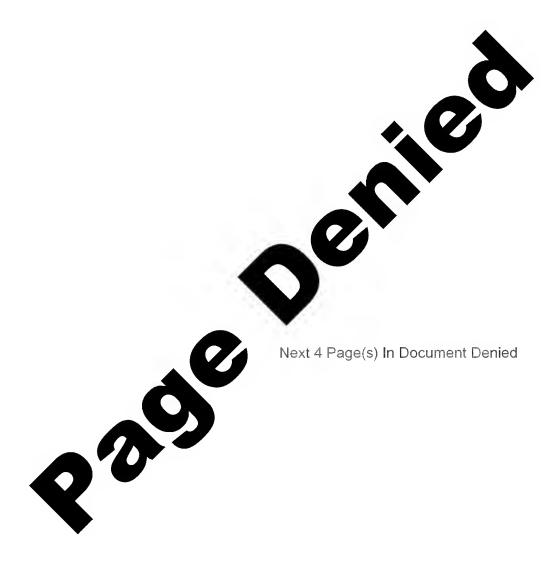
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

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- 1. This memorandum is for the action of the Acting Director. Such action is set forth in paragraph 3.
- 2. The DCI requested something in the nature of the annexed memorandum concerning the President's recent trip for transmission to the President and the Departments of State and Defense.
- 3. The memorandum for the President has been prepared for your signature. $$^{25\times1}$$

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Attachment
As stated in para 2.



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